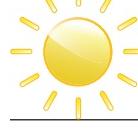




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## SCAM ALERT

### K-State student falls victim to common email scam, loses \$4K

#### Scammers difficult to track; students should be wary of emailed job offers

Kelsey Castanon  
managing editor

When Roxanna Montes, senior in education, noticed a personal assistant job ad sent to her K-State email address, her interest was immediately piqued. She responded, and was prompted to run basic errands for her boss, who said he was out of town often. When she received her \$4,000 paycheck in the mail, it appeared to be a real, feasible check. Montes had no idea that all of that money would soon be gone — stolen from her bank account.

It is a case of scam emails. And it is happening here on K-State's

campus.

"Every semester, we have someone victimized by this," said Harvard Townsend, chief security information officer. "It's been going on for years. The criminals typically target universities during the beginning of each semester."

The scams are varied, but often include offers of highly paid jobs. Townsend said that many students have fallen victim within the past few years. Montes is only one of them.

Many of the emails include few details of the job description itself and do not include a valid name or company. But these scams go beyond just job ads. Officer Carla Swartz of the Riley County Police Department said she has seen multiple students respond on Craigslist regarding apartments for rent.

"Students are sending deposits to these houses or apartments," Swartz said. "And then when they show up

there, the people who live there are like, 'No, we aren't renting this place out.'

But how are these scams getting through the K-State spam filter? Townsend said the perpetrators are "very clever" and have found loops in getting their emails through.

"They know what types origins are identified in spam emails and manage to word them in order to avoid them," he said. "Spam content is very dynamic and it's a very difficult thing to be able to identify every spam email that comes in. We literally reject thousands of spam emails a day, but inevitably, some trickle through."

Townsend said it's common for these individuals to push for personal information. When Montes responded to the job ad, she was prompted for such. After she received her \$4,000 check, she made a deposit to her bank via ATM. Afterward, at the request of her supposed

employer she wired the money through Western Union.

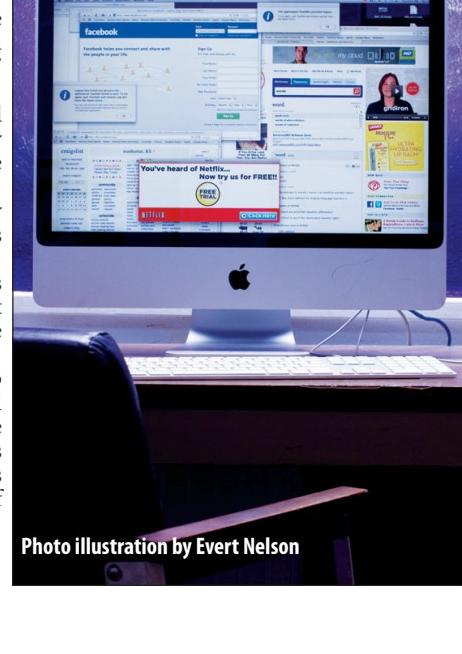
A few days later, the check came back. That was the last she heard from her supposed boss. Montes' money had been stolen.

When she went to the bank and police department, both said they couldn't do anything about the stolen money.

So Montes is left to pay the money off. With only \$2,400 available, she is now faced with a debt of \$1,600.

"The problem with these scams coming through emails or Craigslist is that you can't determine where they come from," Swartz said.

When the faculty of the IT Help Desk tried to track back the email addresses, they found out they were not real. Because the perpetrators provide false information, it makes it difficult to track. Swartz said all of



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Jing Han, graduate student in public health, Zeyu Peng, graduate student in biochemistry, and Yijing Li, graduate student in biomedical science, dance the ShaoDuolLi, a traditional folk dance. Due to the large turnout, the Chinese New Year celebration was moved from the K-State Student Union and held in McCain Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

### Chinese New Year celebration rings in year of the dragon

Amy Zimmelberg  
staff writer

could come together, celebrate tradition and raise awareness.

McCain Auditorium hosted its second Chinese New Year celebration, sponsored by the Chinese Student and Scholars Association, on Tuesday. After years of celebrating the event in the K-State Student Union, it was moved this year to a venue that could accommodate the typically massive turnout.

Known as the biggest celebration in China, the year of the rabbit ended on Jan. 23 and the year of the dragon, considered the most favored of the 12 zodiac signs, began. The new year celebration will continue until Jan. 29.

Xiyang Niu, president of the Chinese Student and Scholars Association and senior in journalism and mass communications, said the goal was simply to provide an event where people

can come together, celebrate tradition and raise awareness.

The group, which is currently more than 100 strong and growing, aims to connect students with their peers and professors and help increase the knowledge of Americans by making them more culturally aware.

Niu said because this year's event was only two weeks after winter break, it was a challenge to put the show together because many performers had to practice on their own time to make the show a success.

According to Niu, Chinese students want to be in an environment where they are not competing with others but coming together as one.

"I know that so many Americans want to learn about different cultures,

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### Two campus leaders receive diversity awards

Andy Rao  
news editor

Students, faculty, staff and members of the Manhattan community packed the K-State Alumni Center to attend the 17th annual Commerce Bank Presidential Awards for Distinguished Services in Diversity and Multiculturalism.

The awards honored Ariel Anib, senior in criminology, and Madai Rivera, admissions coordinator in the College of Human Ecology, for their dedication toward increasing diversity awareness and providing historically underrepresented minorities with a voice and presence on the K-State campus.

"The work that our two winners have done have given us light," said Tom Giller, president of Commerce Bank. "Thank you for your bright light that helps lead us by example."

Anib, who was the student recipient of the award, has been actively involved in her time at K-State and has done



Ariel Anib, senior in criminology, accepts her award for diversity and multiculturalism in the Alumni Center Ballroom on Tuesday afternoon.

much work with diversity and multiculturalism. In addition to being the multicultural assistant at Goodnow Hall for three years, Anib spearheaded numerous efforts involving human rights and international justice.

"Ariel has served as the president of the Nonprofit Student Alliance, has been a Leadership Studies Ambassador and currently teaches Spanish classes for children and adults at the UFM Community Center," said Mary Tolar, director of the School of Leadership Studies. "Her passion for doing good on this campus has always been so palpable and purposeful."

Anib has consistently explored opportunities in her community to serve underrepresented minorities. Last summer, she interned at Mission Adelante, an organization in Kansas City that aims to provide support to the immigrant community. As a junior, she led the "Stop Slavery Summit," which brought awareness of the human trafficking

and slavery issue to the K-State community.

Anib always found a way to achieve what she wanted to, a quality that Tolar said made Anib an extraordinary student and member of the community.

"If Ariel wants to do something, she finds a way," Tolar said. "She has a plan, and

makes it happen."

After Anib accepted the award, she spoke of her experiences as a youth and remembered the role that her upbringing played in her involvement in diversity, multiculturalism, human rights and social advocacy.

"I remember learning as a little girl that race was a social

construct," Anib said. "You can't let others define you. I know for me, I am a 20-year-old Nigerian-American woman who has a passion for justice. That's who I am, and that's how I define myself."

Anib thanked her friends, family, teachers, faculty members and coworkers for her success, recognizing that her achievements have been a direct result of the support system around her.

"This ceremony is not about me," Anib said. "It's about those of you who have supported me, encouraged me and empowered me to make a difference."

After a classical Indian dance performance by Jui Mhatre, dance teacher at UFM, the ceremony shifted its attention to the faculty finalist of the Commerce Bank Presidential award.

Rivera, who is actively involved in the College of Human Ecology as the admissions counselor, also serves as the college's diversity coordinator.

Over the past two years, Rivera has been instrumental in the recruitment of minority students and has helped K-State enroll a record number of traditionally underrepresented students. Rivera also translated K-State's online admissions information to Spanish.

She currently serves as the adviser for both Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Alpha Lambda, fraternities through the College of Agriculture, and has also impacted the lives of Latino youth through her involvement in organizations like the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Rivera thanked her family, friends, coworkers and students, saying that her job does not feel like a responsibility, but rather an honor and privilege.

"It's called a job, but it's more like a hobby," Rivera said. "I truly love what I do. Working with students and

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## Men's basketball team seeks 3rd straight win

**Corbin McGuire**  
staff writer

The K-State men's basketball team (14-4, 3-3 Big 12 Conference) will go on the road for its second straight game Wednesday to take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders (7-11, 0-6) in Lubbock, Texas, after snapping an 11-game losing streak in Gallagher-Iba Arena Saturday.

The Wildcats, now on a two-game winning streak, leapt back into the top 25 with the AP poll's No. 22 ranking. The win against the Cowboys also got the Wildcats to 3-3 in Big 12 play, which puts them at fifth in the Big 12 standings.

The Red Raiders are headed in the opposite direction as the Wildcats. The Red Raiders have dropped all six of their conference games by an average margin of 17 points per game.

The Red Raiders, under first-year head coach Billy Gillispie, are a young team with only one senior on the roster to go with three sophomores and seven true freshmen.

Robert Lewandowski, the Red Raiders' one senior, averages 7.6 points and 4.1 rebounds per game.

Lewandowski leads the Red Raiders with 16 blocked shots.

Keeping the Wildcats off the free throw line will be key for the Red Raiders to capture its first conference win of the season, as the Wildcats score almost 25 percent of their points from the charity stripe.

Freshman forward Jordan Tolbert, the Red Raiders' leading scorer and rebounder, holds a season average of 12.5 points and 6.3 rebounds per game but has struggled in conference play, scoring just under 7 points a game.

Sophomore Javarez Willis



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Martavious Irving chases down a ball from J'Covan Brown. Irving had 2 steals in Thursday's 84-80 victory against Texas at Bramlage.

"Jordan lost sight of what he needed to do; I had to get his attention. He's one of my favorite kids of all time."

**Frank Martin**  
K-State men's basketball  
head coach

and junior college transfer Ty Nurse also contribute 8.9 and 8.6 points per game for the Red Raiders, respectively.

Contrary to Tolbert, Rodney McGruder has provided the spark for the Wildcats offensively during conference play. McGruder's scoring average during conference play, 21.8, is more than 6 points higher than his season average of 15.6.

The Wildcats' win over the

Cowboys came from a more balanced scoring attack as Angel Rodriguez and McGruder scored 14 points each while Jamar Samuels added 12 points and racked up 12 rebounds as well.

The Wildcats have defeated the Red Raiders four out of the last five times they have faced off including a 83-64 blowout-victory in the Wildcats' most recent trip to Lubbock, Texas in 2010.

Frank Martin told reporters Monday that he expected Jordan Henriquez to return to practice Tuesday.

Henriquez, who was suspended indefinitely last Thursday, played only 8 minutes in the Wildcats' win over the Texas Longhorns last Wednesday before his

suspension kept him out of the game against the Cowboys.

"Jordan lost sight of what he needed to do; I had to get his attention. He's one of my favorite kids of all time. I've suspended two players in 27 years; it's not what I do, but I needed to get his attention," Martin said. "After my meeting with him today, I think that's happened."

**Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena, and the game will be nationally televised on ESPNU.**

## Tonight's game gives women's basketball team chance to bounce back

**Kelly McHugh**  
sports editor

After suffering a 35-point loss to No. 1 Baylor last Saturday, No. 23/22 K-State women's basketball (13-5, 4-2 Big 12 Conference) is looking to get back on track during conference season play as they take on the Iowa State Cyclones (10-7, 1-5) tonight at 7 in Bramlage Coliseum.

The last time the two teams met up was last March in the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship, and K-State came away with a close win of 56-53 over the Cyclones.

While Iowa State is 1-5 in the Big 12 Conference season, K-State head coach Deb Patterson said she does not take the Cyclones' conference record lightly, and her players know that no wins come easy in the Big 12.

I think their record right now might just be a reflection of how the schedule played out early for them," K-State head coach Deb Patterson said. "I thought they looked unbelievably dominant and confident yesterday at home, so in this league, you can't be fooled by anybody's record, you have to understand that the talent they'll bring to the floor."

Iowa State took on Texas Tech on Sunday, and dominated 66-49 for their first Conference win.

The Cyclones will come prepared tonight, and with a key player like junior forward Chelsea Poppens, whom Patterson described as the "toughest, most blue-collar player we'll play in the posts this year," K-State's offense will have a challenge on

their hands as Poppens averages a huge 11.4 rebounds per game.

After shooting 24.6 percent from the field against a difficult Baylor team, the Wildcats are looking to get their fifth conference season win and shake off their two-game losing streak.

"You have to leave that game knowing you didn't give 100 percent," senior captain Jalana Childs said. "It's not the way we want to represent our team and our program, and you have to find your edge and be hungry for the next game."

Childs said their practices since their loss at Baylor have been difficult, and coach Patterson is getting them mentally back into their game.

**Brittany Chambers**  
K-State women's basketball  
junior captain

"We need to come back and find who we are and play like we've always played. That's giving everything we have every game."

**Brittany Chambers**

K-State women's basketball  
junior captain

"For us to lose by that is unacceptable," Chambers said about their 31-point loss to Baylor. "We need to come back and find who we are and play like we've always played. That's giving everything we have every game, whether we're down by 30 or up by 10."

After Wednesday night's game, the Wildcats will face a tough schedule composed of two on-the-road games against Oklahoma State and Texas, and will face Baylor again at home. K-State looks at tonight's game as a must-win as they hope to take full advantage of playing on their home court.

"That's life in the Big 12, that's why holding court at home is very, very big," coach Patterson said about their upcoming schedule. "We blew that with OU. Now we've got to get it back with Iowa State and just take them one at a time."

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## Lack of standout GOP candidate causes indecision in party

### MITT ROMNEY

Former governor of Massachusetts  
Birthdate: March 12, 1947  
Home: Boston, Mass.

**Economy:** Romney believes in the combination of public and private sectors to contribute to the rebuilding of the economy. His approach for curbing the federal deficit is to "cut, cap and balance" the budgets.

**Health care:** He wants to repeal the health care reform bill. His approach is to work with the sovereignty of each state to adapt a health care plan that would work for each state individually.

**Immigration:** Romney advocates giving green cards to highly educated workers who hold doctorate degrees, but he believes the border should more secured and more severe punishment to businesses that hire illegal immigrants.

Romney pulled through with a win in New Hampshire. This is something to look out for because many of the voters who came out to vote in New Hampshire were not Republican. This could become very interesting if Romney gets the Republican Presidential nomination because it could cause voters who don't affiliate with a political party swing vote. This could cause distress with the Obama campaign and his possible reelection.

### RICK SANTORUM

Former U.S. senator of Pennsylvania  
Birthdate: May 10, 1958  
Home: Penn Hills, Pa.

**Economy:** Santorum believes in a zero tax rate for firms that engage in manufacturing. He also does not support raising taxes with the current political climate.

**Health care:** Santorum is very critical of both Romney's health care bill in Massachusetts and Obama's national health care policy. He believes in a patient-centered health care policy, rather than a government-controlled health care policy.

**Immigration policy:** He believes that the government should not give out services to the undocumented immigrants. Santorum believes in legal immigration and tightening down on the illegal immigrants coming in from the border.

Even though it was originally reported that Romney had pulled through with a win in Iowa, recounted ballots prove otherwise. Santorum pulled through with a win in Iowa because of his key talking points. People in the Midwest are especially concerned about economic policy and how the candidate will help solve the growing deficit. Iowa voters showed that they favor Santorum's policies.

### NEWT GINGRICH

Former speaker, House of Representatives  
Birthdate: June 17, 1943  
Home: McLean, Va.

**Economy:** Gingrich would like to make the Bush-era tax credits permanent and eliminate capital gains taxes, lower the corporate tax rate and eliminate estate taxes.

**Health care:** Gingrich is in favor of pro-jobs and pro-responsibility that puts doctors and patients in charge of their medical decisions. He wants to make major changes to Medicare and Medicaid and pass many pieces of legislation that would reform the current system.

**Immigration policy:** Gingrich stresses the need to get the southern border of the United States under control of the amount of people crossing the line. He believes in making English the official language of the United States.

With Gingrich's win in the South Carolina primary, he is the new candidate to look out for. Historically, the Republican candidates who have won South Carolina have gone on to take the Republican nomination for president. Even though Nikki Haley, Republican governor of South Carolina, endorsed Mitt Romney, voters in South Carolina favored Gingrich in the primary. Why is this, though? South Carolina voters said that previous debates factored into how they voted last Friday night.

Jakki Thompson  
assistant news editor

### 'This is not an impressive group of candidates,' associate professor says

With the primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina over, the Grand Old Party candidates are looking forward to the Florida primary on Jan. 31. With three different candidates pulling through in the first three primaries, the Republican Party appears very divided.

"There has been a real split between the party," said Jim Franke, associate professor in political science. "The divide lies with the tea party candidates and the traditional candidate — Romney being

the traditional candidate, Gingrich, Paul and Santorum leaning more towards the tea party."

Roxanne Robinett, graduate student in public administration, said the Republican Party will have a hard time winning if they cannot unite.

Franke said the primaries used to be winner-takes-all events. Usually, the winner of a primary would receive all of the delegate votes from that state. Currently, the United States uses a proportional delegate voting system for each primary.

"This is not an impressive group of candidates," Franke said. "Romney has a lot of commonalities and can appeal to many different types of Republicans. Gingrich has more baggage than Southwest Air. I mean, where do you even begin with him? And Paul, well,

he's just out there. Santorum is just a social conservative."

This election season for the Republican candidates has been a race to the right, Franke said. He said this was also exhibited when John McCain ran for presidency in 2008 and when Jerry Moran was struggling to beat current Kansas governor Sam Brownback.

"This election season is going to go on for a while," Franke said. "One can't see the base of the Republican party acting in a reasonable fashion. The likelihood of the base uniting behind Romney is unrealistic."

Currently, in the aftermath of the South Carolina primary, the base of the Republican Party is focused behind Gingrich. The party wants a candidate who has a strong dislike for President Barack Obama and

will address that in a public sphere, such as a debate. For the Republican Party, the only candidate who is willing to do that is Gingrich.

"Gingrich doesn't seem like a strong candidate," said Megan Walsh, sophomore in open option. "He always seems to be attacking other candidates, and that makes him look insecure with himself and what he represents."

Since 1980, the winner of the South Carolina primary has gone on to take the presidential bid for the GOP. Gingrich beat Romney there by a long shot, and polls show he is also ahead in Florida, according to a Jan. 23 Reuters article by Patricia Zengerle and Sam Youngman.

Franke said the heart of the GOP is in the South, but if a Republican candidate hopes to win the White

House, he will have to have the support of the entire nation.

"Currently, the Florida primary should be in favor of Romney, but the polls show otherwise," Franke said. "If Gingrich wins Florida, the question then becomes, 'Does his momentum have the ability to apply to a broad group of Republicans?'"

It is safe to say, looking at the Republican candidates, that the voters' indecision will last until Super Tuesday, which is March 6. There is a lot of uncertainty with the conservatives in this nation, and it is impossible to pick a clear frontrunner at this point in time.

"There is currently a large proportion of Republicans who are not satisfied with the current candidates and want to see someone else run," Franke said.

## Student headed to national grocery bagging contest, possibly Letterman

Marisa Love  
staff writer

You know that moment when you get home and start unloading the groceries, only to discover that your loaf of bread has been brutally smashed beneath five cans of green beans and your hand is coated with the cold, slimy mess of a cracked egg? That is the moment when you appreciate the craft of grocery baggers like Ricardo Cruz.

When Cruz, junior in public relations, took a job at Dillons in 2008, he never imagined his skills as a grocery bagger would one day earn him a free trip to Las Vegas, a chance of winning \$10,000 and an appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"My friend says I'm the Rain Man of bagging groceries," Cruz said. "I'll take that as a compliment."

After winning the state bagging competition in September 2011, Cruz is now less than three weeks away from bagging against the best of baggers at the National Grocer's Association Best Bagger Championship in Las Vegas on Feb. 13.

According to the Best Bagger's Training Manual, the first championship, a contest intended to "promote exceptional customer service through superior bagging," took place in Dallas, Texas, in 1987.

The competition goes beyond not breaking eggs or smashing bread. Contestants are judged in five categories: speed, proper bag building technique, distribution of weight between bags, and style, attitude and appearance. Contestants receive an extensive list of possible grocery items they could be given to bag on game day, ranging from frozen fish sticks to 40-watt light bulbs.

"Soup, cans of vegetables, cereal boxes, you never know what they could put out there," Cruz said.

Cruz will be timed as he strategically fills three reusable shopping bags, being sensitive to arrangement and striving to distribute weight evenly between the three bags. The timer stops the clock when the contestant raises both hands.

Cruz began working as a bagger at Dillons when he moved from Junction City to Manhattan as a freshman at K-State. This fall,

he competed for the first time in a bagging competition against other employees in the store. Cruz said he thought the competition was a joke and certainly had no expectation of victory.

Jordan Johnson, who has worked with Cruz for the last year, matched up against Cruz in the final round of the store contest. Although Johnson defeated Cruz in speed, Cruz pulled out the win with extra points in style and weight distribution.

"He's very charismatic when he's bagging," Johnson said. "He puts on a little show."

After surprising himself by winning bragging rights as the best bagger at Dillons in Westloop, Cruz moved on to compete in the district competition in Salina. After another first-place finish, he advanced to the state championship in Wichita, where he won by a narrow 0.01 point, sealing his spot in the championship.

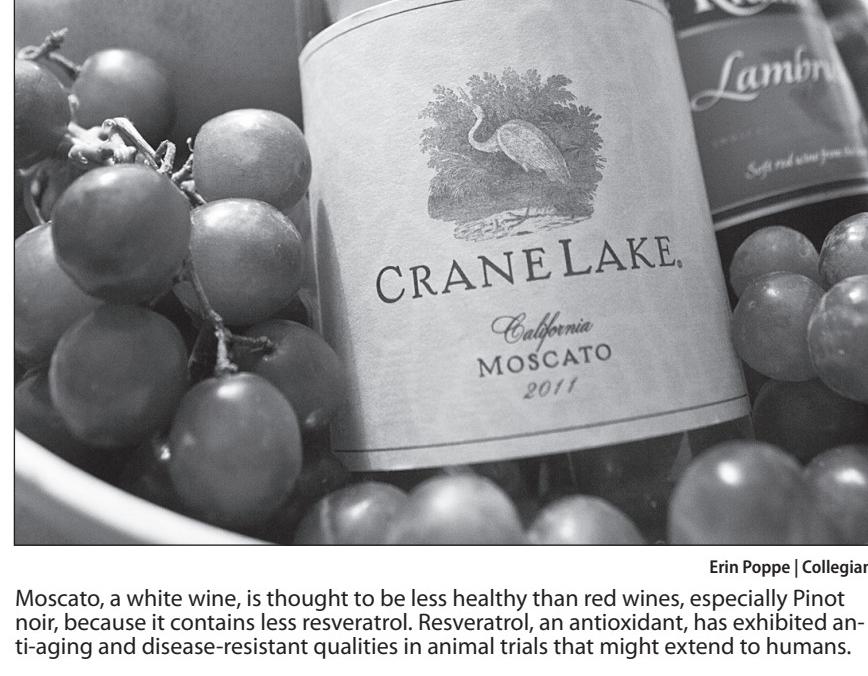
Cruz, who is quick to laugh about his grocery bagging success, did not anticipate the serious attitudes of many bagging competitors.

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**Ricardo Cruz**, junior in public relations, bags groceries at Dillons, where he has worked since his freshman year at K-State. After winning the state grocery bagging competition by a narrow margin, Cruz will travel to Las Vegas for the National Grocer's Association Best Bagger Contest championship on Feb. 13 for a chance to win \$10,000 and an appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman."



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Moscato, a white wine, is thought to be less healthy than red wines, especially Pinot noir, because it contains less resveratrol. Resveratrol, an antioxidant, has exhibited anti-aging and disease-resistant qualities in animal trials that might extend to humans.

## Red wine thought to boost health

Paige Steele  
staff writer

Relaxing, mouthwatering and satisfying. Wine drinking dates back to millennia ago and is enjoyed by many around the world. Red wine comes in a variety of flavors, aromas and price ranges. For many, it is a fun and tasty beverage to imbibe on special occasions. Then there are those the self-proclaimed "wine connoisseurs" who consider the crimson drink a dignified hobby. Beyond its taste and cultural appeal, the true beauty of red wine lies in its potential health benefits.

According to the book "Breakthrough," by actress and wellness advocate Suzanne Somers,

development and reoccurrence.

Resveratrol also comes in supplement form. In a Life Extension Magazine article, Dr. Xi Zhao-Wilson, Ph.D., recommends taking 20mg of resveratrol daily as part of one's vitamin regimen.

"I learned about [resveratrol] from my grandma, who is really into healthy stuff," said Erik Wray, senior in social work. "Since then, I've started taking it with my multivitamin."

According to Betsy Barrett, associate professor in the Department of Hospitality Management and Dietetics, resveratrol supplements contain significantly greater amounts of the antioxidant than a glass of any wine could, or any kind of alcohol for that matter.

"[Red wine] is supposed to reduce cardiovascular disease, but actually, all alcoholic beverages help in that way. They all have resveratrol, which has been proven in lab animals to reduce disease and prolong life, but no actual testing has been done on humans."

Betsy Barrett  
associate professor in College of Human Ecology

red wine contains a special polyphenol called resveratrol. Resveratrol is an antioxidant that has exhibited anti-aging qualities and helped prevent some diseases in lab animals, and Somers believes the same effects can extend to humans. Red wines made with muscadine and Pinot noir grapes contain the highest amounts of the antioxidant.

In recent years, the health effects of red wine have been widely touted in the media.

"They say one glass a night is good for you," said Mollie Winter, senior in public relations. "Supposedly it's really good for your heart and lowers cholesterol, which could add years to peoples' lives."

According to Somers, studies found that resveratrol works like this: in a case in which an animal is starving, resveratrol activates the genes that will allow the animal to stay alive until it is able to find food again. By including resveratrol in the diet, the body is fooled into thinking it must do everything possible to stay alive and in tip-top shape. It calls in all of the body's defenses, thus keeping the body in optimal condition.

Aside from improving cardiovascular function and affecting many of the genes involved in aging, resveratrol is also believed to reduce inflammation, benefit the brain, improve energy, fight illness and protect against cancer

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Barrett suggested that a phenomenon called the "French paradox" may explain the link between red wine and cardiovascular health.

"I learned in many of my biology classes how the French, who drink lots of wine and still eat lots of high-fat foods, do not show the high rates of heart and artery disease that we Americans do," said Aaron Deeds, senior in biology and gerontology.

Although Barrett questions whether or not red wine specifically has the most health benefits, she said that any moderate alcoholic consumption helps reduce cardiovascular disease by 20 to 30 percent. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism defines moderate drinking, or low-risk drinking, as one drink — or one 5-ounce glass of wine — per day for women and two drinks per day for men.

The jury is still out on whether or not red wine produces significant health benefits. Barrett sums up the debate with a final piece of advice: "Drinking red wine is a wonderful thing to do, but it's all in moderation."

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## BAGGING | Dillons takes contest seriously, offered to make Cruz life-size cutout

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"These people were intense. They had their managers with them and everything," Cruz said. "I had my friend with me, but these people were legit about this. I was just doing it for fun."

Kevin James, a junior in elementary education and

long-time friend of Cruz, supported Cruz at the state competition in Wichita and will also receive a free trip to Las Vegas as Cruz's guest. James said the bagging competition was surprisingly intense and he thinks Cruz has a good chance of success at the championship.

"I think it has to do with his personality," James said. "They

told him what to do and he's perfected it. He has a special feel for it."

Cruz said that speed is his strength, but he plans to ensure his appearance sets him apart from the other contestants. The judges told Cruz that his Nike sweatband and purple Nike shoes gave him an edge at the state competition.

The National Grocers As-

sociation sent Cruz reusable bags to practice with leading up to the championship. Cruz said Dillons' corporate office is paying his store for up to 40 hours of practice time.

"They're taking this serious. They want to put me as the face of the company if I win," Cruz said. "They wanted to make a cutout, like a life-size poster of me, to hang up in my

store, but I didn't go for that."

Cruz could miss up to a week of school if he wins the Best Bagger Championship, as the National Grocer's Association plans to fly the winner to New York for an appearance on the "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"I already told one of my teachers and she didn't believe me," Cruz said. "I was like,

"Yeah, this is really happening."

Cruz said if he wins the championship, he plans to use the \$10,000 prize to help pay for school.

"I joke that if I win that I will announce my retirement from bagging, but if I'm allowed to enter again next year, then I probably will," Cruz said.

## SCAM | Police: source of emails impossible to trace

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the cases they have looked into have originated overseas.

Townsend agreed, saying there are typically multiple people working on the operation — each from a different location.

"None of them are here," he said. "They are all over the world."

Swartz echoed that sentiment and said no crime has occurred in Riley County.

"It's all over the Internet," she said. "It's all on the computer and it's impossible to trace. You just can't track them down."

Instead, Townsend suggests becoming aware of common clues of a scam, such as immediate requests for personal information or money up front.

"Another characteristic of [a

scam] is that there is very little description of the nature of the job or lack of website to verify its legitimacy," he said.

Double-checking the content of the ad will save you time and money. If an individual falls for the counterfeit operation, the only option is to report it to ic3.gov so the government can try to track down where the websites or email addresses originated.

Townsend said the best advice would be to ignore all suspicious job ads, regardless of if you trust the email address domain name. And if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

"Never ever, ever respond to a soliciting email you were not expecting," Townsend said. "If there is any email that is ascertaining, ask the IT help desk."

## NEWYEAR | Chinese students feel 'at home' at K-State

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and as international students, we need to open our hearts to them," Niu said. "No matter where we come from, we don't have to be shy because here at Kansas State, we have the feeling of being at home."

The night kicked off with a full house filled with both American and Chinese audience members, students, faculty and families. The stage was set with lights, music and costumes grand enough to match the cultural significance of the event.

As the event's master of ceremonies explained, the Chinese New Year is a time for family and friends to celebrate new beginnings and reflect on the past, dream for the future and create a vision for the life that they wish to live.

The event featured a wide

variety of performances, ranging from traditional piano and violin ballads and dances representing past times of war and cultural divide, to contemporary songs and break dancing inspired by Shanghai night life and the influence of the younger generation.

The celebration was mostly in Chinese, with a few translations, so when a comedy skit was performed entirely in Chinese, audience members were encouraged to laugh "even if you can't understand the language."

Audience member Nina Chilen, sophomore in marketing, had never been to the event before and assumed it would be catered toward American students. She said she was not prepared to represent the minority of the crowd.

International students were

not the only ones invited to perform at the celebration. K-State's a cappella group Cadence and the Chinese 2 class also made an appearance.

Reagan Hart, Chinese 2 student and sophomore in apparel marketing, sang a song to celebrate a happy Chinese New Year with her class. She plans on minoring in Chinese because she said she believes it is an important skill to be in today's business world.

"I found the language to be more complex than the Spanish I studied in high school," Hart said. "The vocabulary is much more challenging and I was very nervous I would mispronounce something during the performance."

The class also focus on cultural aspects, and once a week, students meet with native speakers to practice their skills.

"They are so supportive of us as we speak with them, and they really get excited about what we are doing or if we pronounce something correctly," Hart said. "Chinese students make up a huge part of our campus and we should be accepting of their culture."

Overall, Niu believed the night was a success and said he hopes the event will continue long after he is president.

"After sitting through the show as an American student, I can appreciate the discomfort international students must feel because I felt out of place listening to a program for a few hours while they are in a foreign environment on a daily basis," Chilen said. "I came tonight because I think everyone has a responsibility to expose themselves to other cultures."

## AWARD | Winner has 'a lot more work to do'

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future students is amazing, and I want to thank everyone who has made my job such a pleasure."

Rivera recognized that although she has accomplished many of her goals, she still has many other plans to increase multiculturalism.

"This award tells me 'Madai, you're doing a good job, but we have a lot more work to do,'" she said. "It sounds cliché, but it's a team effort. Together, we can make this university and community a better place."

The award ceremony fell in the same week that K-State is remembering and honoring

Martin Luther King Jr., a coincidence that Betsy Cauble, head of the department of sociology, said is fitting.

"Dr. Martin Luther King is smiling down on us today," Cauble said. "I feel more hopeful for the world with Ariel and Madai leading the way."

Pat Bosco, vice president of student life and dean of students, echoed the sentiment, saying that Anib and Rivera were two examples of outstanding members of the community.

"The rest of us can learn from Ariel and Madai," Bosco said. "We have two excellent role models who are truly heroes for students, faculty and staff. These are two individuals who speak volumes through their actions."

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